



IFW ✓

[11443/173]

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Inventor: Michael P. WHITMAN  
Serial No.: 10/761,491  
Filed: January 20, 2004  
For: ELECTROMECHANICAL DRIVER AND REMOTE  
SURGICAL INSTRUMENT ATTACHMENT HAVING  
COMPUTER ASSISTED CONTROL CAPABILITIES

Examiner: Eduardo Robert  
Art Unit: 3732

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

I hereby certify that this communication is being deposited with the  
United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail  
in an envelope addressed to:  
Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
on

Date: 3/25/05

Signature: Damario Quiros

**AMENDMENT**

S I R:

This paper addresses the Office Action dated December 1, 2004. Initially,  
kindly amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of  
this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.